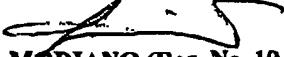


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In re CPA application of:

Applicant: MANFRÉ *et al.*

Ser. No.: 09/533,215

Filed: March 23, 2000

For: Vehicle Rear-View Mirror with Viewing  
Angle and Reduced Image Distortion

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Sir,

**CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION UNDER 37CFR 1.53(d)**

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1733160 This is a request for a continued prosecution continuation application under 37  
CFR § 1.53(d) of:

Pending Prior Application Ser. No.: 09/533,215;

Filed: March 23, 2000;

Entitled: Vehicle Rear-View Mirror with Viewing Angle and Reduced Image  
Distortion;

Prior Application Examiner: SHAFFER,R;

Art Unit: 2872.

The prior application is the national stage of an international application in  
compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371 and filed on or after June 8, 1995, in compliance with 37  
CFR § 1.53(d)(1)(i).

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A Notice of Appeal has been filed on November 19, 2001 in the prior application, from the decision dated July 13, 2001 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claim 1-9. A request for extension of the shortened statutory period of the prior application is herewith enclosed, and therefore such prior application is still pending, for the purposes of the filing of the present continued prosecution application.

The present request for a continued prosecution continuation application is accordingly being filed before payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings, in the prior application, in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.53(d)(1)(ii).

The present request for a continued prosecution continuation application is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the present request, in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.53(d)(2)(v).

In compliance with 37 CFR § 1.53(d)(2)(iii), the inventor(s) of the invention being claimed in this application is the same inventors named in the prior application, namely:

MANFRÉ, Giovanni, Citizen of ITALY,

residing in CALDIERO, ITALY; and

LOCATELLI, Mario, Citizen of ITALY ,

residing in MOZZO, ITALY.

Please enter the unentered amendment under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on November 19, 2001 in the prior application.

The filing fee for this continued prosecution application, calculated in the enclosed Deposit Account order, has been based upon the claims remaining after entry of such amendment under 37 CFR § 1.116, in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.53(d)(3).

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A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.9 and § 1.27 was filed in the prior application and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR § 1.28(a)(2)).

The authorization in the prior application is to, and please send all correspondence to:

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Please mark the Ser. No. and the filing date of this application on the enclosed self-addressed return card.

Please mark on the file wrapper that all correspondence for this application should be marked with an AIR MAIL label or stamp, since applicant and his agent are residing overseas as has been established by the current practice on instructions from the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

Respectfully submitted,



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Encl.: - PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136  
- Deposit Account order